

Secondary Reading League

Charting the Course for Adolescent Literacy

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Day of Reading Approaches!

Are you registered? It's not too late.

**34th Day of Reading
and Preconference Workshops**

Friday and Saturday, November 5 and 6, 2010

Workshop version of Dr. Irvin's Nov. 6 presentations Nov. 5:

☞ **DR. JUDITH IRVIN** ☞

Executive Director of the National Literacy Project

Keynote – Taking Action on Adolescent Literacy

Breakout-Understanding Struggling Readers

Breakout- Engaging Students in Expository Text

☞ **NEAL SHUSTERMAN** ☞

YA Author, Screen & TV Writer, Film Director

Unwind, Bruiser, Everwild, The Schwa Was Here

Luncheon-Writing for Teenagers & Other Alien Species

Breakout – There's No C in Shusterman

Breakout – Author, Neal Thysself

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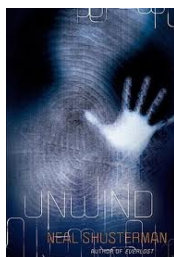
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Register online NOW!

Neal Shusterman's *Unwind*

Neal Shusterman scores another hit with his incredibly popular book **Unwind!** In this futuristic society children cannot be aborted...until they reach the age of 13. From ages 13 to 18, parents or guardians may choose to retroactively abort (unwind) their children.



Shusterman continues his tradition of creating amazing characters. You will find yourself thinking about these people long after the book has ended. I have read this book several times to my students, and they literally beg me to continue reading, even after the last bell has rung. If you are looking for a gripping thriller that will have you biting your nails and pondering the future, read **Unwind** by Neal Shusterman.

Introducing Dr. Judith Irvin



Dr. Irvin defines *literate adolescents* as “those who can read, write, find, discuss, present, think creatively, critically analyze information, and transfer their learning across multiple contexts.” She advocates that “students need to receive quality content literacy instruction as part of their learning experiences in all of their classes, not just in remedial classes or in English language arts or reading classes.” Irvin articulates “practical suggestions, approaches and tools to engage everyone, including adolescents, themselves, in focusing on improving student reading, writing, and thinking, thus preparing students to meet the literary demands of college, careers, and citizenship in the 21st century successfully.”



New members : Denise Newlin and Lavonne Gillespie won membership in the Illinois Reading Council and the Secondary Reading League at the RTI meeting on October 2!

Greetings,

*If the leaves are bursting with color and there's a chill in the air, then it must be time for **Secondary Reading League's Day of Reading!** I am particularly excited to hear **Dr. Judith Irvin** and one of my favorite authors, **Neal Shusterman**. Your Day of Reading Committee, headed by chairwoman Barb Chrz-White have planned another fabulous program for you! I hope to see you on November 5 & 6 at **SRL's 34th Annual Day of Reading!***

*Donna Monti, President
Secondary Reading League*



Upcoming Events

Nov. 5 – PreConference Workshop and dinner event with Dr. Judith Irvin & Neal Shusterman @ Holiday Inn, Tinley Park, IL.

Nov. 6– 34th Day of Reading Conference @ Holiday Inn, Tinley Park, IL.

Feb 26 – Improving Adolescent Literacy with Taffy Rafael @ Holiday Inn, Willowbrook, IL.

March 17 – SRL Strand at IRC Conference, Springfield, IL.

April 7–Spring Book Talk with Dinner at Lou Malnoti's, Naperville, IL.